methods, and so utilize the information collected by Government in giving it to the people who may profit by it?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Nothing has been done, Sir, so far as the department is concerned practically for the last ten years. The bulletins on the subject are ten years old and I do not think it will be of any advantage to republish that information which is now out of date."

Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM :—"What I say is this. Seeing that a large quantity of groundnut oil and other oils are being used in dyeing and other industries, will the hon. the Minister be pleased to collect all the available information and publish it in a pamphlet form?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"The matter will be considered, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Are we to understand that no monographs by any individual have been published?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I already said, Sir, that two bulletins were published, but there is no use in republishing now in pamphlet form, information which was published so long ago, as at the present time presumably much progress has been made in the direction of the extraction of oil."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Will the hon. the Minister see that he publishes a monograph at least on the subject of oil industry?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I have already said that I would consider how far further progress has been made in this line, and if any information is obtained, I shall make it available to the House."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I enquire why any other machinery than the Anderson oil expeller has not been used and tried for the purpose of extracting oil? It is well known that many kinds of oil-seeds are exported from India to Europe and they come back to us in the shape of oils extracted by means of various kinds of machinery. I want to know why other machinery than this Anderson oil expeller has not been tried?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I have already said, Sir, that this experiment had been dropped ten years ago and the question of continuing or reviving that experiment is under consideration; and I am unable to add anything further to the answer I already gave."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"Is such a scheme under consideration for the past ten years, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"No, no. It was dropped ten years ago."

Public Works

Construction of the bridges at Kattupazha and Irritti.

*205 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question No. 2231, dated 16th July 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what progress has been made with the projected bridges at Kattupazha and Irritti and if there has been delay, the reasons for it;

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(*b*) why at Irritti the construction of the new bridge was abandoned ;

(*c*) whether the old bridge at Irritti has been restored, and if so, whether it is strong for all class of load appertaining to this particular road having particular regard to the growing heavy motor and other traffic on this road ; and

(*d*) whether the old bridge has been restored to its original strength and if not, why not ?

A.—The Government have approved of the construction of a new bridge at Kattupazha. Tenders for a reinforced concrete bridge have been received by the Chief Engineer and the Government hope to receive from him shortly revised plans and estimates for the work.

It is not now proposed to reconstruct the Irritti bridge as the Chief Engineer has reported that the damaged bridge has been restored at a small cost to its original carrying capacity. The Government have agreed with the Chief Engineer that it is unnecessary to increase the carrying capacity of this bridge while other bridges on the Tellicherry-Coorg road which are capable of carrying only a lighter load remain as they are.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Wakf properties in this Presidency.

*206 *Q.*—Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there are many wakf properties in the Madras Presidency and that many of them are mismanaged ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to bring into force all the provisions of the Mussalman Wakf Act No. XLII of 1923 in this province ; and

(*c*) if so, when and if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) There are several wakf properties in Madras Presidency, some of which, the Government understand, are not properly managed.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question is under the consideration of the Government.

Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur :—" May I know how long the Government will take to consider and decide this simple question of introducing the provisions of the Mussalman Wakf Act of 1923 in this province ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Evidently, Sir, some of the members to whom I have addressed a communication on this matter do not find it so easy, and I have not yet received replies from my hon. Colleagues to whom I have referred these matters. As soon as I receive their replies, I will certainly be in a position to take any further action that may be necessary in the matter."

Assent of His Excellency the Viceroy to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

*207 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Hindu Religious Endowments Act has not been assented to by His Excellency the Viceroy ; and